



Friday 13th October 2023
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St Osyth Church of England Primary School News

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please vote for our School! Our Eco-Council would be very grateful if, when you shop in Tesco, you vote for our school. Our Eco-Council, last year, applied to Tesco to be a part of their votes for community projects. **If we win the October to January vote our Eco Council will be donated £1000 towards the cost of a cycle shelter! In these first few weeks, it's neck and neck...**



In our computing lessons and in other areas of the curriculum we teach child about how to keep themselves safe whilst online. We also provide support and guidance for children on this important matter. Our website has some of this—<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding> . We are aware that, whilst using Highrise, one of our children has been contacted by

an adult and that this contact has raised concerns, which have been acted on appropriately. **If your child is using Highrise, please do monitor their use of it.** We also encourage parents to talk, in a way suitable for the age and development of their children, about not having any contact, online with anyone that they have not physically met.



I dare say that some children think I might be as old as a fossil... Well this week **children in Year Three and Four were able to see and find out all about real fossils!** Our thanks to Miss Duncan, a member of our school office team, for sharing just some of her knowledge and fossil collection with Middle School.

*Best Regards,
Mr M Carter-Tufnell
(Headteacher)*

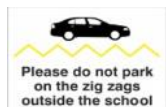
School dinners - bookings for dinners can now be made up to October half term

Dinner bookings need to be made online, please select your meal choices and add the items to the basket before proceeding to the checkout. If your child is eligible for free school meals or universal infant free school meals you also need to complete the checkout process but you will not be charged.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office for a form.



Everyone is reminded not to park on the zig zag lines outside school and also to be considerate to all our neighbours and not to block their driveways.



All children must have a full **named** PE kit in school every day.

PE Kit: Black shorts, White t-shirt, Plimsols,

**Additional items allowed for outside: Plain tracksuit bottoms, top
and trainers/outdoor footwear (Essential for winter months)**

Children can wear a Fitbit (or similar) to school, but it is their responsibility to keep it safe during the day.

All Watches, Fitbits and earrings need to be removed for P.E. lessons



School Uniform



Our full uniform policy can be accessed on our website:

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/>

Alternatively, hard copies can be requested from our school office.



Lost Property



Please ensure that all uniform is named, in order for it to be returned to your children.

This also applies to coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.



Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for **all ages**, costing **£4.00 per session**.

Please accompany your children into the school office, the children have breakfast and a chance to play.

If you unexpectedly need to use Breakfast Club your child can be booked in on arrival, but payment must be made before the end of the day.

These sessions must be booked and paid for on school money in advance.



School clubs

Messages have now been sent to children that are registered - waiting lists are being held in the office and we will review club lists at half term

If your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please let the office staff know in advance.

Otherwise you will get a phone call to find out where they are.

This is for the safety of our children, particularly those who have permission to walk out at the end of the school day.



Clubs w/b 16th October 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
Monday	Fun-damentals	1&2	25.09.23	11.12.23	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	Gymnastics/Cheer CANCELLED	3&4	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Luff
Tuesday	Sports Journalism	5&6	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Lebrecht
Thursday	Science	2	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Penny
Thursday	Dance	3&4	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Stock
Thursday	Football (4.15pm finish)	5&6	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mr Carvalho
Friday	Sewing and Weaving	3&4	29.09.23	15.12.23	Mrs Walton Steed

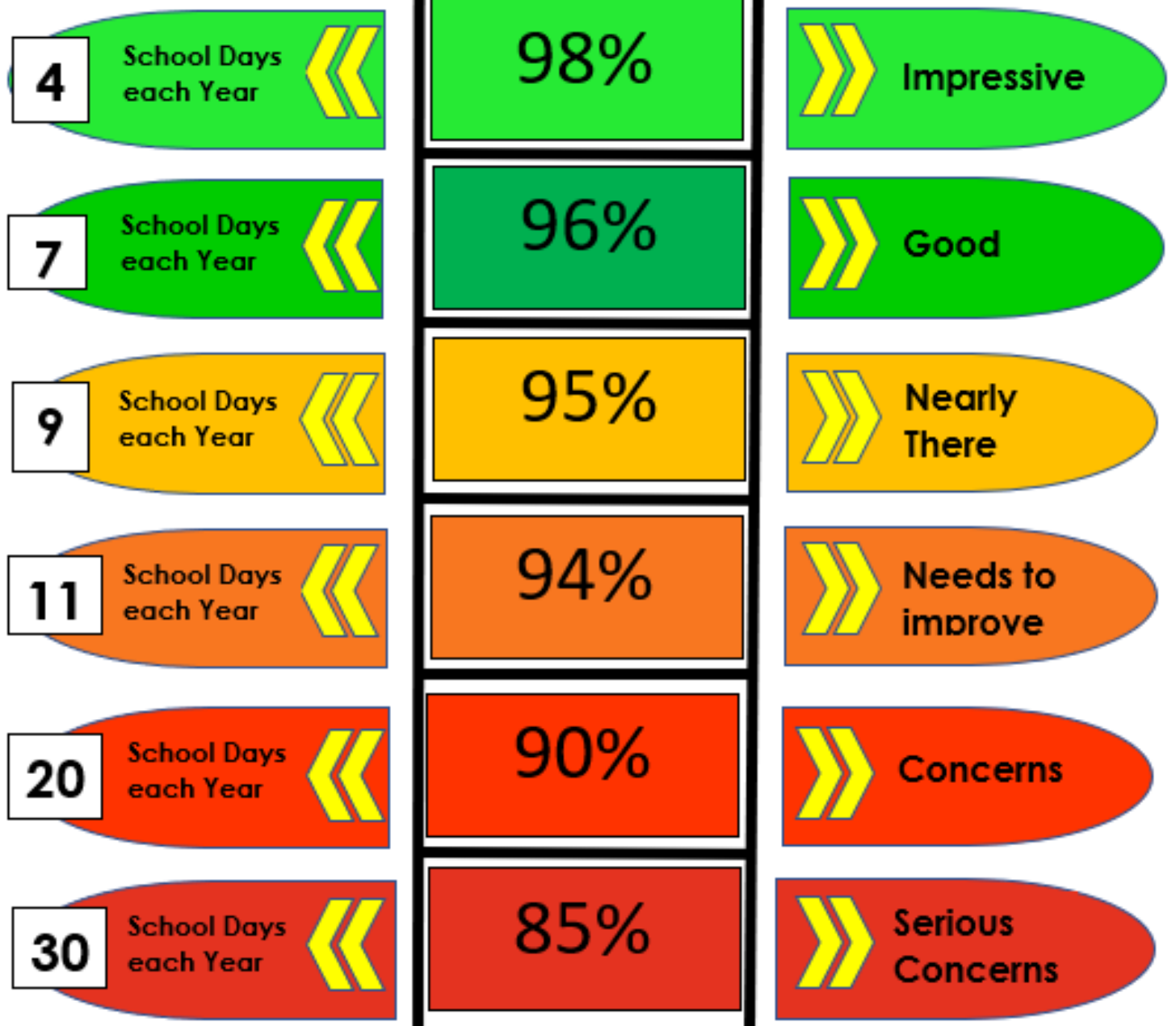
Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 18th October - School photos
- Friday 20th October - Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer Now -£1 Donation
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half term
- Monday 30th October - Inset day
- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November - Parent consultations
- Tuesday 7th November - Stone Age workshop - Year 3 and 4
- Friday 1st December - Non uniform day in exchange for tombola item
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas craft - Reception child/parent
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre (PTFA event)
- Tuesday 12th December - KS2 carol service (Evening)
- Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)
- Wednesday 13th December - Matilda - Year 6
- Thursday 14th December - Panto - Reception to Year 5
- Friday 15th December - Christmas dinner day
- Friday 22nd December - Thursday 04th January - Christmas holidays

Our Attendance Ladder

Attendance is key. The more children attend school the more likely it is that they will have good levels of attainment. Even small improvements to attainment at 11 years old can increase the amount a person earns before they are 33 years old – an increase of up to 25%!

Is equivalent to:



When children are not in school and we have had no contact from parents or are concerned about welfare, you could find us knocking on your door...

THERE IS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT for parents / carers to take a child out of school during term time.